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Exhibition of Objects Illustrating the Whaling Industry and the Natural History of Whales. [Entrance corridor cases, Marine Room, Peabody Museum.]

List of Essex County Whaling Vessels. List of Pictures of Whaling Vessels in the Marine Room. List of Log-Books of Whaling Vessels in the Library of the Essex Institute. List of Books on Whales and Whaling in the Salem Public Library.

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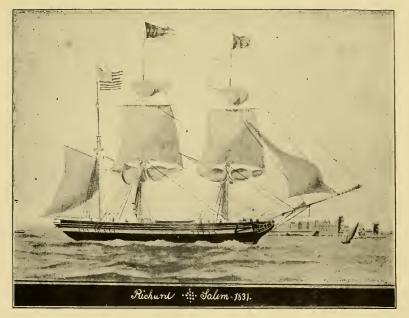
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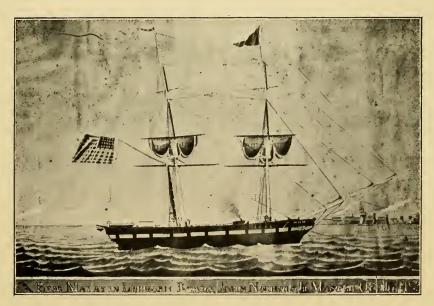
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BARK RICHARD OF SALEM



BRIG MALAY OF SALEM

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Between 1771 and 1775, two vessels arrived in Lynn, one with 200 barrels of sperm oil and the other with 100 barrels of whale oil.

After 1832, the Lynn whaling vessels used wharves on the Saugus river. When the railroad bridge was built (1837-1838) the Lynn whaling business was transferred to Boston.

LOG BOOKS OF WHALING VOYAGES IN THE LIBRARY OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE

(May be consulted on application at the rooms of the Institute)

SALEM

| Ship Bengal | 1832-1835, 1837-1840 |
|----------------|---|
| Bark Eliza | 1838-1841 |
| Ship Elizabeth | 1836-1840 (3 vols.), 1840-1844, 1844-1848 |
| Bark Emerald | 1840-1843, 1843-1845 |
| Bark Henry | 1845-1847 |
| Ship Lydia | 1835-1837 |
| Bark Malay | 1837-1839, 1839-1842 |
| Bark Palestine | 1339-1841, 1839-1842, 1842 |
| Sch. Para | 1865-1867 |
| Ship Sapphire | 1836-1839, 1838, 1839-1841, 1841-1842 |
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NEW BEDFORD

| Ship Washington | 1850-1853 |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Ship Marengo | 1855-1859, 1871-1875 |
| Bark Stephania | 1864-1868 |

NANTUCKET

Ship Loper

1832-1835

(Log books and sea journals received at the Peabody Museum are deposited in the library of the Essex Institute where more than 1000 log books and sea journals are now preserved)

PICTURES AND BUILDER'S MODELS OF WHALING VESSELS IN THE MARINE ROOM, PEABODY MUSEUM

SALEM

Ship "Eliza," 262 tons, built 1817, altered to a bark in 1838. Water color painting.

- Brig "Malay," 268 tons, built 1818, altered to a bark in 1834. Water color painting by Peter Mazzinghi, Leghorn, 1833.
- Brig "Reaper," 229 tons, built 1820, altered to a bark 1833. Copy of water color painting by "Ant. Roux fils ainé Marseille," 1823

Ship "Sapphire," 365 tons, built 1825. Water color painting

- Bark "Richard," 222 tons, built 1826. Water color painting by Pellegrini, Marseilles, 1831
- Whaling Scene (long oil painting at Essex Institute),—bark "Richard" of Salem and ship "Julian" of New Bedford, taking and "cutting in" whales and "trying out" blubber.

NEW BEDFORD

Ship "Eliza Adams," 338 tons, built 1835. Oil painting Bark "Minnesota," 243 tons, built 1849. Water color painting Ship "Alice Mandell," 425 tons, built 1851. Builder's model. Bark "Bertha," 175 tons, built 1878. Builder's model Bark "Kingfisher," 451 tons, built 1856. Builder's model Bark "Progress," 341 tons, built 1843. Builder's model

NEW LONDON

Schooner "Flying Fish," 76 tons, 1870. Builder's model

"Sperm Whaling with its Varieties," colored lithograph, 1870, after a picture by Benjamin Russell of New Bedford.

ENGRAVED WHALES' TEETH

In the Marine Room collection are thirteen whales' teeth engraved with various designs by sailors, and, on deposit, are twenty-two more owned by Lawrence W. Jenkins. Among them are several with representations of merchant and naval vessels. Those relating to whaling or with whaling vessels are :---

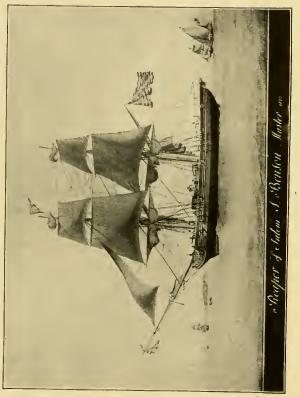
Ship "Susan of Nantucket," four representations on two teeth,—" engraved by Frederick Myrick, January 29, 1829."

Ship Elizabeth of Salem, two representations on one tooth. Gift of her commander in 1838 Jona. P. Saunders. (The name of the vessel is not given but the identification seems satisfactory.)

Whaling scene,-engraved on both sides of two teeth fitted together at their bases.

Brig "Tamaahmaah, John Meek commander" and brigantine "Chinchilla, Thos. Meek commander," both of New York, engraved on opposite sides of a large tooth.About 1840. (It is not certainly known that these vessels were whalers.)





BRIG RE PER OF SALEM

THE WHALING EXHIBIT.

In October, 1907, the Trustees of the Peabody Academy of Science received by gift from the Field Museum of Natural History of Chicago a collection of objects illustrating the whaling industry which had been exhibited at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. The gift included :--

- 11 single and double "flued" old forms of 1 muzzle loading and 1 breech loading gnnpistol and powder flask from the whalhand harpoons old and new forms of "toggle" hand ing bark "Progress" 16 harpoons 2 ship's compasses, 2 quadrants, barometer, chronometer, box of charts, slate and , 8 "toggle" gun harpoons 1 large gun harpoon, 1850 parallel ruler used on the bark "Pro-1 long hand lance gress " 15 old forms of gun lances 4 log books of whaling voyages 21 bomb lances; fragments of exploded 5 books on navigation bomb lances taken from whales 2 pictures of whaling vessels 1 lithograph of whaling scene 1 large bomb harpoon used on Norwegian 1 chart of signal flags steam whalers breech-loading and 10 muzzle loading 8 builder's models of whaling vessels shoulder guns for gun harpoons and 1 signal cannon of bark " Progress " 1 slung shot, tool for heading barrels, Norbomb lances Pierce and Cunningham bomb lance guns, wegian five-pronged spear 2 2 boxes, carvings in whale ivory, etc., handione with harpoon
- 1 large Greener boat harpoon gun

Before this gift was received it had not been possible, owing to lack of material, to arrange an exhibit illustrating the whaling industry. This was almost the only feature of the commercial-marine history of Essex County not in some way represented in the museum, although a matter of great popular interest and a very desirable exhibit from an educational stand point.

work of sailors

All objects relating to whaling the museum possessed, chiefly of a local nature, have been incorporated with the collection recently acquired from the Field Museum and arranged in the wall cases on the western side of the entrance corridor in connection with the Marine Room collections. To these have been added a series of specimens and drawings illustrating the natural history of whales, selected from the zoological collections of the museum. The arrangement by sections is as follows:

- 1 The Natural History of Whales ;-drawings of principal species, skeleton of porpoise. Above the case ;-bones of large whales, jaw of sperm whale, baleen, etc.
- 2 Pictures ;---whaling scenes
- 3 Pictures ;--whaling vessels of Essex County
- 4 Navigation ;--compass, quadrant, charts, etc. used on the whaling bark "Progress"
- 5 Sailors' outfit and their handiwork on whaling voyages
- 6 Tools used on whaling vessels; log-books
- 7-10 Implements used in the capture of whales;—hand and gun harpoons, hand and bomb lances, harpoon and bomb lance guns, boat harpoon gun, Norwegian bomb harpoon used on steam whaling vessels

- 11 Loan collection; -- pictures and books, old and recent, relating to whales and whaling
- 12 Alaska ;--whaling and sealing,--models of native craft, harpoons, etc.
- 13 Economic (to be added later) ;--products of whales and their uses,--oils, baleen, spermaceti, ambergris, etc.

Builder's models of whaling vessels (above the case)

The collection is illustrated with cuts and drawings and is also provided with explanatory labels.

It is intended to make the whaling exhibit in this museum only an epitome of the subject in general, for the great exhibits should be in the United States National Museum where the scientific and comprehensive collections are displayed and at New Bedford where already an excellent foundation is established for an exhaustive historical collection. But there should be in Essex County a collection, chiefly of an educational character where, also, the relics of the local whaling industry, which was carried on quite extensively from 1820 to 1870, shall be preserved. The trustees, therefore, solicit the gift of any objects relating to the whaling industry of this region to add to the collection just placed on exhibition. All gifts will be promptly acknowledged, recorded and marked with the name of the giver. A model of an equipped whale boat, implements used on whaling vessels, sailors' carvings, pictures of Essex County whaling vessels, log books and journals of whaling voyages are particularly desired. Gifts may be sent to the museum or will be called for upon notification.

JOHN ROBINSON,

Keeper of the Relics of the E. I. M. S.

Marine Room, Peabody Museum,

Salem, December 10, 1907.

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THE WHALING INDUSTRY IN ESSEX COUNTY

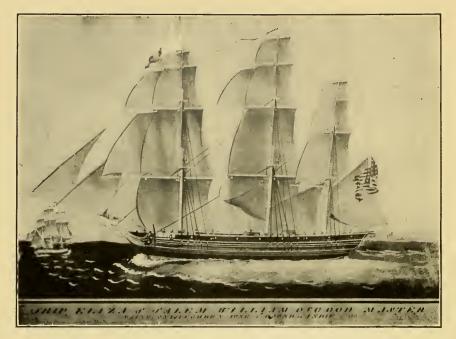
Whaling was carried on along the coast of New England before 1614 and "whaling rights were guaranteed by the Royal charter of 1629 to the proprietors of Massachusetts as being within their waters." Frequent mention is made in old records of the capture of whales by parties in boats, not far from the shore, in the bays from Cape Cod to Boston, Salem, Ipswich, etc. By 1748 the whales had retired to deeper waters and were pursued in sloops and, later, in schooners and other vessels carrying whale boats. This was continued until interrupted by the war of the Revolution. In 1784, however, a Salem brig arrived in Boston with 600 barrels of whale oil, and distant whaling and sealing voyages were occasionally undertaken during the next forty years, as will be seen by the following lists, again interrupted by the difficulties with France in 1799 and the war of 1812.

In 1830 systematic efforts were made to place the whaling industry on a firmer basis and Essex County merchants and ship owners fitted out many vessels for whaling voyages. The industry was continued with varying success until the period of the Civil war when whaling from this region practically ceased.

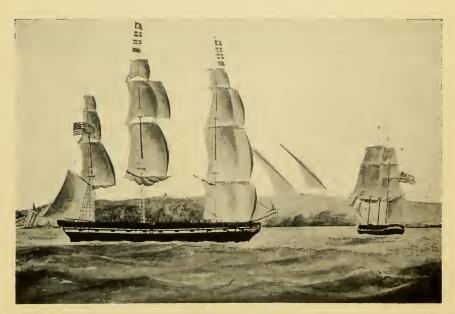
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SHIP ELIZA OF SALEM



SHIP SAPPHIRE OF SALEM

ESSEX COUNTY WHALING VESSELS

PREPARED BY LAWRENCE W. JENKINS

References: Felt's "Annals of Salem"; Osgood and Batchelder's "Sketch of Salem"; Essex Institute,—log books, early Essex County newspapers, Salem ship register; Starbuck's "History of the American Whale Fishery."

Any authentic information by which this list may be extended will be gladly received.

SALEM

(MEMORANDA, BEFORE 1830)

| Rig Name | Voyages | Years | Notes | |
|----------------|---------|-----------|--|--|
| Brig | 1 | 1784 | Capt. Frost: 600 barrels of whale oil taken to Boston in August. | |
| Ship Minerva | 1 | 1799-1802 | Sealing in the Antartic | |
| Ship Rachel | 1 | 1803 | Sealing in the Antarctic | |
| Brig Britannia | 1 | 1818 | Sealing voyage: wrecked off Manchester. | |
| Ship Gen. Knox | 1 | 1820 | 600 barrels of sea elephant oil | |
| Brig Nancy | 1 | 1821 | 100 barrels of sea elephant oil | |

SALEM

(AFTER THE REVIVAL OF THE WHALING INDUSTRY, 1832)

| Ship Bengal | 4 | 1832-1840 | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|---|
| Ship Catharine | 1 | 1832 | Burnt at Hawaiian Islands, 1832 |
| Bark Cavalier | 1 | 1835-1837 | |
| Bark Derby | 1 | 1837 | Wrecked at Falkland Islands, 1838 |
| Brig Eagle | 1 | 1837 | |
| Ship Eliza | 3 | 1833-1841 | Altered to a bark in 1838, condemned in |
| | | | 1843 |
| Ship Elizabeth | 3 | 1836 - 1844 | |
| Brig Emeline | 2 | 1836-1837 | |
| Ship Emerald | 5 | 1833-1843 | Altered to a bark in 1836, lost at |
| | | | Madagascar, 1845 |
| Brig Falcon | 5 | 1862-1868 | 8 / |
| Sch. Franklin | 2 | 1836-1837 | |
| Bark Henry | 2 | 1841-1845 | Lost in the South Pacific, 1847 |
| Ship Izette | 6 | 1841-1840 | , |
| Ship James Maury | 3 | 1833-1841 | |
| Ship Lydia | 2 | 1835-1837 | |
| Sch. Mac | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1836-1837 | |
| Bark Malay | 2 | 1837-1842 | Lost in the Mozambique channel in 1842 |
| Bark Margaretta | 2 | 1851-1852 | |
| Bark Messenger | 3 | 1854-1860 | One of the vessels of the "stone fleet" |
| | Ũ | 2001 2000 | which sailed from New Bedford in 1861 |
| • | | | and were sunk to block the harbors of |
| | | | Charleston and Savannah. |
| Ship Mount Wollaston | 3 | 1836-1840 | onarioston and savannan. |
| Bark Palestine | 2 | 1835-1839 | |
| Bark Pallas | ĩ | 1832 | Sailed for the Fiji Islands. |
| Sch. Para | 4 | 1865-1871 | Altered to a brig. |
| Bark Reaper | 4 | 1833-1839 | more to a sing. |
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| Rig Name | Voyages | Years | Notes |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|--|
| Bark Richard | 2 | 1335-1837 | Brig Eagle sailed as tender on second |
| | | | voyage. Lost at Montevidio in 1839. |
| Bark Said Bin Sultan | 1 | 1867 | |
| Ship Samuel Wright | 3 | 1833-1839 | Lost at Geography bay, Australia, 1840 |
| Ship Sapphire | 3 | 1836-1841 | Foundered in the West Indies, 1843, |
| Bark Statesman | 3 | 1836 - 1842 | Condemned in 1844 |
| Bark Willlam H. Shailer | . 2 | 1866-1867 | |

(Fuller details of owners' names, etc., will be found in the Salem Ship Register published by the Essex Institute)

BEVERLY

Altered to a bark in 1852

| Brig Benjamin Franklin | 5 | 1850 - 1855 |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Bark Eben Dodge | 2 | 1853 - 1854 |
| Brig Escol | 10 | 1858 - 1873 |
| Brig Gem | 4 | 1849 - 1853 |
| Bark Lady Suffolk | 5 | 1853 - 1859 |
| Bark N. D. Chase | 5 | 1851 - 1860 |
| Sch. Thriver | 5 | 1862 - 1866 |
| | | |

GLOUCESTER

| Ship Lewis | 1 | 1833 |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Ship Mount Wollaston | 2 | 1833-1834 |
| Ship Polly | 2 | 1789-1794 |
| Brig Sea Horse | 2 | 1788-1789 |
| Sch. Thorn | 1 | 1841 |
| Brig Two Friends | 1 | 1791 |
| Ship | 1 | 1793 |

LYNN

| Ship Atlas | 4 | 1831 - 1835 |
|------------------|--------|-------------|
| Ship Clay | 3 | 1833-1836 |
| Ship Com. Preble | 10 | 1834 - 1851 |
| Ship Louisa | 7 | 1831 - 1838 |
| Ship Nahant | 1 | 1836 |
| Ship Ninus | 6 | 1835 - 1844 |
| Ship Wm. Badger | 2 | 1845 - 1849 |

NEWBURYPORT

| Ship Adeline | 1 | 1834 |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| Brig Chance | 1 | 1785 |
| Sch. Georgia | 2 | 1866-1868 |
| Sch. Hannah Grant | 2 | 1867-1869 |
| Sch. Life Boat | 2 | 1867-1868 |
| Ship Merrimac | 4 | 1833 - 1842 |
| Ship Newburyport | 1 | 1834 |
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In many cases, especially among the earlier voyages, sealing as well as whaling was included, or the voyages were for sealing exclusively. The "elephant" oil reported was derived from the sea elephant (Macrorhinus angustirostris) a large marine mammal belonging to the seal and walrus family.





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